

In the matter of the request that this Board pledge the credit of the State for the purpose of raising sufficient funds to pay the salaries due to the police force and oyster inspectors, this Board, while recognizing the fact that the money is due and should be paid and that there is no money in the treasury to pay it by reason of the continual lawsuits instituted against the Comptroller to prevent its payment by the oyster packers, still this Board feeling and believing it has no right or power to do so, feels impelled to refuse the request, but the Governor and Comptroller are requested to bring the matter before the Legislature, who alone can appropriate or borrow, and do all they can morally to protect anyone advancing the money for the State in a case of necessity, recognizing the fact that without police protection and proper inspection, the oyster industry is unprotected.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned.

  
Secretary.

Annapolis, Md., December 22nd., 1911.

A meeting of the Board of Public Works was held in the Governor's Office, at 2 o'clock p.m.?

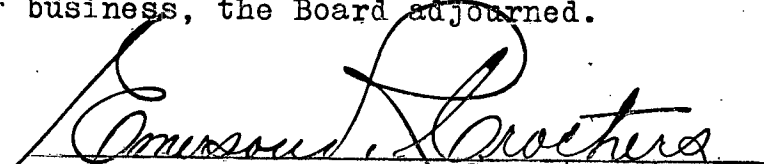
Present: Governor Crothers, Comptroller Stanley and Treasurer Vandiver.

The State Comptroller being duly sworn by the Governor answered satisfactorily the following interrogatories:

1. State the amount of your gross receipts for the last fiscal year ?
2. State the amount of your disbursements for like period?
3. What amount of cash was in the Treasury, Oct. 1st., 1911?
4. Are the accounts of your office compared with those of the State Treasurer's Office, and if so how often?
5. Are pay warrants signed by you in blank?
6. Do you keep a duplicate Register of Stock?
7. Are the accounts of the Clerks of Courts and Registers of Wills properly audited each quarter?
8. Do you specify the Chapter or Statute in each pay warrant?
9. State the amount of securities held in the sinking funds?
10. Give the character of such securities?
11. State the amount of money disbursed to Public Schools?
12. Are collections promptly made?

The State Treasurer, Mr. Vandiver, then being duly sworn by the Governor, made satisfactory answers to all questions touching his Office.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned.

  
Secretary.